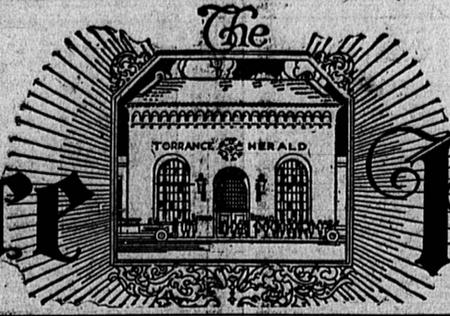


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WINTER CLASS OF 1935 HAS NOVEL COMMENCEMENT

Torrance High School Graduates Stage Program in the Form of a Pilgrimage; All Features in Recitative by the Class

With a novel program typifying a pilgrimage, with a series of three journeys, the winter class of 1935, will hold commencement exercises on Thursday evening, January 31. A class of 21 will receive diplomas, which will be presented by Mrs. Letitia K. Lytle, past president of the Tenth District Parent Teachers Association and member of the Los Angeles school board.

The graduates are Bill Acree, Albert Andre, Virginia M. Barck, Lester B. Botoms, Wesley Garrett, Brady, Craig Brown, Alfred Johann Bunje, James Carlin, Bill Clark, Boyd Cleveland Comstock, Edward F. Dalton, Myrtle M. Gregg, Birdie Hale, George MacDougall, Jeanette Arlene Mickelson, Virginia Mickelson, Dorothy Y. Nagayama, Mary Elizabeth Peckham, Lorraine Roelofs, Eugene Frederick Stengelmeier, Toshie Suminaga.

The class will carry out its program in recitative. Facing the auditorium for the occasion, Rev. F. Murray Clayton, vicar of St. Andrew's church, will say:

"We, Class of Winter, 1935, coming to the pilgrimage of our commencement, recognize that Great Power, not ourselves, the Government, Mind of the Universe, who is known in various ways to the various peoples of the earth. We would hear the words of the minister concerning the things of the Spirit." Rev. Clayton's invocation will be the response.

The class, facing the audience recites:

"God of our fathers, known of old,
Lord of the furling battle line,
Beneath whose awful hand we hid
Defeated ever pale and dune,
Lord, God of Hosts, be with us yet
Lest we forget—lest we forget."

Miss Birdie Hale, member of the class, will sing a solo.

The class, facing their sponsor, Miss Ireen Mills, recites:

"We, the Class of Winter, 1935, continuing the pilgrimage of our commencement, pause on our way to give recognition to those who have improved their talents above the most of us, and who have accepted burdens and responsibility of leadership."

Miss Mills responds, and the class, facing the audience, says:

"For called, our navies melt away,
On dune and headland sinks the fire,
Lo, all our pomp of yesterday
Is one with Nineveh and Tyre.
Judge of the Nations, spare us yet,
Lest we forget—lest we forget."

A choir will sing, and the class, facing Mr. A. G. Waldelich, principal, says:

"We, the class of Winter, 1935, coming to the end of our pilgrimage, grateful for the faithful guidance of the faculty of our school, grateful for the educational opportunities given us by the community in which we live, do present ourselves to you, Mr. Waldelich, at the completion of our course. We shall long cherish in memory the happiness and worth of days spent in Torrance high school."

Then follows the presentation of diplomas and in recitative the class says:

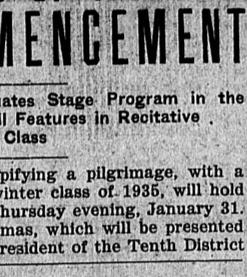
"For heathen heart that puts her trust
In reeking tube and iron shard,
All valiant dust that builds on dust
And guarding, calls not Thee to guard;
For frantic boast and foolish word,
Thy mercy on Thy people, Lord!"

And to the bugler, "Bugler, as we leave this home of learning, closing this chapter in the story of our education, we pray you sound taps as the symbol of farewell to our school."

The bugler sounds taps, and the class closes its program with the words, "Bugler, as we look forward to the continuation of our life's experience, carrying onward the inspiration and ideals of our high school days, we pray you sound reveille, as a symbol of our commencement."

Conference of Steel Men Called
LOS ANGELES.—Nationally known figures in the steel and iron industry will meet with more than 300 representatives of the iron, steel and allied industries of California for a three-day conference to be held at Del Monte, beginning February 7. This meeting, called under the auspices of the California State Chamber of Commerce, will constitute the eleventh annual statewide conference to be held by these industries.

Doing Her Bit



Una Merkel, M-G-M Movie Star, Expected At President's Ball

Capacity Crowd Forecast For Affair Next Wednesday Evening At Hollywood Riviera Clubhouse

Miss Una Merkel, celebrated motion picture star, this morning accepted an invitation to be present at the Birthday Ball for the President to be held at Hollywood-Riviera clubhouse next Wednesday, January 30. Miss Merkel is beginning a new picture at the Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer studios, and stated that unless her presence at the studios was required Wednesday evening, she would attend the Torrance party. Dancing begins at 8:30, and tickets at one dollar per couple may be purchased at the door, stated Beverly B. Smith, general chairman.

A large number of tickets have already been sold, according to A. H. Bartlett, chairman of the ticket sales, and a capacity crowd is expected. The Rhythm Makers, seven-piece orchestra, which made a big hit at the recent firemen's ball, will provide the music.

The party will be strictly informal, Chairman Smith stated, and a cordial invitation is extended to all. Card tables will be provided for those who do not care to dance, and a number of prizes offered.

Seventy per cent of the proceeds of the ball will remain in this district for rehabilitation of those afflicted by infantile paralysis. The remaining 30 per cent goes to national research in prevention of the dread disease by a committee to be appointed by President Roosevelt.

A novel plan for sending birthday greetings to President Roosevelt is offered by both the Western Union and Postal Telegraph companies. Anyone may send a greeting from anywhere in the United States at the small cost of 25 cents. The entire quarter is in turn donated to the infantile paralysis fund, and 70 per cent of the money collected from each community will be returned by the telegraph companies for local committees and the remaining 30 per cent given to the fund for national research.

Legislature Puts Stamp of Approval On Redondo Charter
Approval of the new city charter, adopted recently by Redondo Beach, has been voted by the legislature, according to recent advices from Sacramento and the beach city is now preparing to take the further necessary steps to put the charter into full effect.

Similar to the document which was submitted to the voters in Torrance some time ago, the Redondo charter provides for the election of councilmen from wards, five in number, and a mayor from the city at large. Offices of city clerk and treasurer will also be filled by election. The city judge and city attorney will be appointed.

The first election with its reorganization stipulations will be held April 8. Redondo Beach thus emerges from its status as a sixth class city, to become a chartered municipality.

Changes In Boundary Lines of Supervisorial Districts Planned
Whatever changes are to be made in the boundary lines of the fourth supervisorial district, which takes in this community, probably will be determined late this week, according to County Surveyor Alfred Jones.

Jones said yesterday that he planned to confer with the supervisors this week, and that his draftsman had prepared a map with some proposed changes. While he would not reveal what was proposed until he has conferred with the supervisors, it is understood that the boundary line of the second (Los Angeles) district has been extended south to take in some unincorporated territory bordering the Los Angeles coasting.

The new map was prepared after Jones had conferred briefly with each member of the board, and ascertained their general ideas about a change. Supervisor John R. Quinn of the fourth district was willing to relinquish some of his unincorporated area to the south of the second district to Supervisor Gordon McDonough. McDonough's district has the smallest registration now, and Quinn's now is one of the larger districts.

Chairman H. C. Legg, of Downey, would be agreeable to dropping some of his incorporated areas, since he has nearly half

Heavy Rain Falls Here Friday Night
Forty hundredths of an inch of rain, almost an inch, fell in Torrance and Lomita during the storm last Friday night. The storm was featured by thunder and lightning, and a short deluge of rain amounting almost to a cloudburst, which flooded the streets shortly after 8 o'clock. A report that a tree in the high school grounds had been struck by lightning, was probably without foundation, as no one has been able to locate the tree.

Rainfall for the week in Lomita totaled 1.74 inches, bringing the season's total to 12.92, as against 10.92 for last year. In Torrance the rain gauge showed 1.28 for the three days' storm, a total of 12.61 for the season, and a total of 7.13 for last year.

Taber Accepts Deputy Post In City of Lomita



Veteran Officer Reconsiders Resignation Handed In January 7

Lomita residents were gratified Monday with the return to duty of Charles R. Taber, who has been assigned as deputy constable in charge of criminal work in Lomita.

Mr. Taber, who had been constable of Lomita township for 11 years, tendered his resignation on January 7, when the transfer of forces from local townships to the consolidated Inglewood township was made. Taber, instead of being transferred to Inglewood as constable without loss of rating or seniority rights, had been demoted to a deputy's post, assigned to the Inglewood court.

In view of the reduction in pay, with no allowance for mileage between his home town and Inglewood, Taber declined to accept the arrangement.

On the day following the receipt of his resignation Mr. Taber received a telephone call from Sheriff Eugene Biscailuz asking him to reconsider. At the same time, prominent citizens of Lomita and the Lomita Chamber of Commerce registered a vigorous protest with the department over the alleged unfair treatment of an efficient and valued officer, and arrangements were made whereby Mr. Taber agreed to accept his deputy's post, providing he was assigned to duty in Lomita. This was done, and for the present at least, Mr. Taber will be the officer in charge in that city.

While the Lomita citizens are happy to have Taber returned to duty many of those who have interested themselves in the matter say that it will not be permitted to rest there but a further effort will be made to return the officer to his full rating.

Hard of Hearing Club Organizing In City Thursday
News of interest to the hard of hearing in Torrance will be found in the announcement of the opening of a free class in lip reading and voice culture, which will be held every Thursday afternoon, at 1:30 o'clock, in the council chamber at the city hall.

The first meeting will be held next Thursday, January 31, under the direction of Mrs. Mary Nichols, who is connected with the national group of clubs organized for training the deaf, and which also afford a means of social contacts which are valuable to the members.

Mrs. Isabel Henderson, 1804 Gramery, has been named secretary, and will be glad to take the names of those who wish to join this club. There are no dues, and the training is free. Mrs. Nichols hopes that many people in this district who are thus afflicted will take advantage of this opportunity.

Mid-Year Exams At Compton January 26
Students in this community who plan to enter Compton Junior College at mid-year are requested to get in touch with the registrar on or before January 26 to discuss and plan their courses. Guidance examinations will be held Saturday, January 26, at 9 o'clock. These examinations include a test in English composition and an aptitude test. However, no student is ever excluded from the college on the basis of these tests. High school deficiencies may be made up, and liberal arts, general education, vocational and professional courses may be taken at Jaysee.

Numbers Employed On Sewing Projects Will Be Increased

Forty-three sewing units, operated in all parts of the county by the Los Angeles County Relief Administration, are giving employment to 5500 women, a number that soon will be increased to 6000, according to Miss Valerie Popper, director in charge.

At Torrance, 134 women of the district are employed in a project located in the old State Exchange Bank building.

Sewing projects in Southern California formerly were conducted under the direction of the county bureau of county welfare but were taken over by the LACRA on December 28.

An appropriation for \$1,193,595, covering a three months period ending March 28, has just been approved by the LACRA. Of this huge sum, \$1,170,000 is allocated for wages for the seamstresses employed on the project. The remainder of the appropriation will be paid to cutters, assistant forewomen, and janitors, all of whom are being taken from the relief rolls, it was announced.

Materials used by the units are furnished by the State Emergency Relief Administration and the projects turn out by the project will be delivered to the relief committee's department of the work division of the LACRA for distribution to needy people on relief rolls.

Local Pastor Will Be Heard Over Air
Wednesday morning, January 30, Rev. George Elder, pastor of the Torrance Christian church, will bring a 15-minute broadcast over station KFI at the request of the Federated Church Council of Los Angeles. The broadcast will begin promptly at 8:00 a. m. Rev. Elder's subject will be "Evangelism." Mrs. Alice Hazel, soprano soloist of Torrance, will sing.

Removal of Sink Cause of Arrest
Arthur Pizer and Frank Webb were arrested Monday on a charge of petty theft, preferred by George Evans, former owner of the Columbia restaurant, who alleges the unlawful removal of a sink from the old restaurant. Pizer and Webb plead not guilty and will appear for trial January 29.

Thomas Ford, charged with battery by George Sutton and his wife, Ethel Sutton, plead not guilty and will have a court trial before Judge Lessing, January 28.

First Code Sign



When this first state route number sign was posted by the Automobile Club of Southern California on the Roosevelt coast highway this week, these bathing girls came up from the surf to "lay a cornerstone" in informal dedication. Many signs of this type are now being placed with these markings.

Bids On Unsold Sewer Bonds To Be Opened Feb. 13
About \$2,000,000 Worth of Securities Are Offered to Investors

Bids on some \$2,000,000 worth of unsold bonds were being asked by the county sanitation districts, providing sanitary sewer facilities to Bell, Maywood, Cudahy, South Gate, Compton, Torrance, Inglewood, and other communities.

Advertisement for the bids was ordered at a special meeting of the board of directors, composed of the mayors of the various cities included within the district, held last week at the Hall of Records. The bids are to be opened on February 13.

A representative of a large syndicate which purchased several million dollars worth of the district bonds several years ago, promised the directors that his syndicate would submit a bid. The representative stated that his syndicate had had a man checking over figures pertaining to the county's tax collections, through the county auditor's office, and that they were especially optimistic over first instalment tax collections.

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L. A. Rodgers, 5719 Morgan avenue, Los Angeles, was arrested January 29 on a charge of drunk and reckless driving. He was released on \$250 bail to appear in the city police court, January 23. He plead not guilty and will have a trial January 23.

COUNCIL ACCEPTS PWA LOAN REQUESTS 20 YEARS TO PAY

Reduction in Domestic Water Rates of 25 to 30 Per Cent May Safely Be Made, Says City Engineer Leonard

Acceptance of the PWA loan and grant of \$170,000 for development of the municipal water system was voted at an adjourned meeting of the Torrance city council Wednesday afternoon, following a preliminary discussion of the matter at the regular meeting of the council Tuesday evening.

In order not to jeopardize the possibility of securing the federal loan of \$128,000 at the low interest rate of 4 per cent, as well as the outright grant of approximately \$42,000, and to conform to the customary procedure of the government's offer was first accepted, as made, which included a provision for paying off the loan in eight years, beginning in 1941.

However, another resolution was immediately passed, asking that the offer be amended to extend the retirement period to 20 years with annual payments of \$8400 beginning February 1, 1937. Consulting Engineer Alfred Taylor reported that officials at the PWA district office in Los Angeles had promised to lend their support in securing approval of the 20-year retirement period. Under the eight-year period, as stipulated in the federal offer, the yearly payments would be \$16,000 beginning in 1941, which city officials feel would be excessive.

With the \$200,000 borrowed through the sale of bonds to private investors, and the \$128,000 loan from the PWA, the total investment in the water system is \$328,000. However, City Engineer E. R. Leonard stated to the city council this week, that a reduction in domestic rates of 25 to 30 per cent could safely be made, with ample funds remaining for paying the interest and retirement of bonds.

In fact, it was pointed out repeatedly that the only way in which a substantial reduction in domestic rates could be given was to drill wells and construct storage tanks and pumping facilities at Torrance, thus eliminating the present costly method of buying water from the Dominguez Water Company at Truck boulevard.

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Around the Council Table

A request from Eddy & Scotty, men's clothing merchants, for the erection of a neon sign at their place of business, 1325 Sartori, was granted.

Mayor Scott R. Ludlow suggested that the neon sign, formerly erected at East Road and Main street, which was taken down some time ago and is now in storage, be erected on El Prado at the Western avenue entrance to Torrance, and the matter was referred to City Engineer Frank Leonard to obtain an estimate of the cost.

A letter from the Del Amo Estate, authorizing the release of deeds for recording was read and referred to the city engineer for reply. The deeds now held in escrow by the city cover a 25-foot strip of land along Sepulveda boulevard east of Hawthorne, which will become a part of the highway which widening and paving operations are completed at some future date. The land was needed to the city on condition that the work should be done free of assessment to the Del Amo Estate, and as it will be paid for out of gasoline tax money this condition will no doubt be met.

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Work of Art in Wood is On Display in Local Store Window

Charles Foster, 718 Sartori avenue, an employee of the Columbia Steel, has on display in the window of the Star Furniture store, two pieces of fretwork which have attracted almost constant attention from those passing by. The larger piece especially elicits admiring comment, as it is a very fine piece of workmanship. It represents a Gothic altar, is about six feet high, and made in a combination of golden oak and white wood. Eight different kinds of wood were used and over 600 pieces were required. It was completed in 18 months.

Thirty human figures representing Biblical characters are placed, with Jesus on the Cross as the central figure. Gothic arches, slender spires, all elaborately decorated with delicately patterned fretwork, give the design an airy grace, and the wealth of detail in its conception and completion is most interesting.

A framed certificate, hanging in the window, reads "Certificate of Merit, first class award, to Charles Foster, Cape Breton, Nova Scotia. Efficiency in 'Hobbies' competition for fretworkers of Canada, March 1926. Hobbies, Limited, London and Dereham." This was awarded for a small clock made by Foster and entered in competition with 625 other fretworkers.

Mailer of Parcel Call at Postoffice
The postmaster at San Francisco has notified the local postoffice that he holds an undeliverable parcel addressed to Miss Frances Meyers, San Francisco. This parcel was mailed at Torrance on December 15, last, but does not bear the name and address of the sender. If the sender sees this notice he or her should call at the Torrance postoffice without delay.